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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	15297	Agenda Number	105.
Meeting Date:	5/24/2012			Department:	Emergency Medical Services
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance on first reading regarding the application submitted by Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. to renew a non-emergency medical transfer franchise under Chapter 10-2 of the City Code. (Suggested date and time: June 14, 2012, 4:00pm, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Tx.). Related to Item # 17.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	August 30, 2007 to grant Acadians initial franchise for a five year term.				
For More Information:	Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, 972-7148				
Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin - Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed this as an agenda item at the meeting on May 2, 2012 and a one year renewal was approved on a motion 6-0.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. has held a non-emergency medical transfer franchise with the City of Austin since 2007. This franchise will expire on October 30, 2012. Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. is requesting a renewal of the franchise for a five-year term.</p> <p>In order for a private ambulance company to provide non-emergency medical transfer services within the city limits it must obtain a franchise from the City of Austin. Chapter 10-2 of the City Code requires that a public hearing be held regarding such applications. The purpose of this RCA is to request that City Council set a public hearing for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012, regarding a non-emergency transfer franchise application. Currently, two companies hold non-emergency transfer franchises in Austin, American Medical Response of Texas, Inc (AMR) and Acadian Ambulance Service (Acadian). Non-emergency medical transfers typically occur between skilled nursing facilities and hospitals and are usually prescheduled by medical personnel.</p> <p>Staff analysis of Acadian’s franchise renewal application has been completed with satisfactory findings. This analysis included a review of the applicant’s operations, and performance ratings as a current franchise provider in Austin. The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board reviewed the staff recommendation on May 2, 2012 prior to the public hearing that is being requested.</p>					

